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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 4650.17

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: UNUSUALLY ARDUOUS SEA DUTY FOR TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION  
ENTITLEMENTS

Ref: (a) Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Volume 1  
(b) OPNAVINST 7220.77 Series  
(c) OPNAVINST 3111.14 Series  
(d) OPNAVNOTE 4600

Encl: (1) Units Designated as Unusually Arduous Sea Duty

1. Purpose. To designate ships, afloat staffs, and units, which qualify as unusually arduous sea duty for purposes of determining entitlement to travel and transportation allowances under reference (a). This instruction has been revised substantially and should be read in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. This OPNAV Instruction supersedes SECNAVINST 4650.19C. The SECNAV Instruction was cancelled under a separate cancellation memo.

3. Background. Members assigned to unaccompanied overseas duty, whether on sea duty or shore duty, are authorized transportation of their dependents and household effects to a location they may designate under the provisions of reference (a) by virtue of the duty being overseas. Members reassigned from such duty are authorized dependent transportation from the designated location to the new duty station. Members assigned to sea duty in ships, afloat staffs and units which the Secretary of the Navy designates as unusually arduous sea duty are authorized the same transportation entitlements. Unusually arduous sea duty for these purposes is sea duty in afloat units with expected absences from their assigned homeports for the major portion of the sea duty assignment.

4. Policy. Sea duty in ships, afloat staffs, and units designated for career sea pay in reference (b) may be designated unusually arduous sea duty in enclosure (1) of this instruction.

a. To be designated, afloat units must meet all of the following criteria:

(1) Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) has assigned a homeport per reference (b); and

(2) The unit can be expected to operate away from assigned homeport for more than 50 percent of the time, and also for extended periods of deployment; or

(3) CNO assigns them to operate away from homeport in an overseas area for a contemplated period of 1 year or more, as listed in reference (d).

b. Staffs which have permanent duty stations rather than homeports do not qualify as sea duty for purposes of determining travel and transportation entitlements.

c. All ships within each designated ship class qualify as unusually arduous sea duty.

#### 5. Individual Entitlement.

a. The provisions of this instruction are applicable only to members who are otherwise eligible for dependent travel and shipment of household effects at Government expense by reference (a).

b. Members, issued Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders to a ship designated in enclosure (1) that is not in overhaul or to sea pay eligible billets in an afloat staff designated in enclosure (1), are entitled to relocate dependents and household effects to the homeport or to a place they may designate by reference (a). Members issued PCS orders to a ship not designated in enclosure (1) or a ship designated in enclosure (1) that is in overhaul may relocate dependents to the homeport.

c. Members who are issued a homeport change certificate incident to homeport change to an overhaul site may relocate dependents to the new homeport from the old homeport, or from a designated place to the new homeport. The change of homeport certificate will specifically include a statement that movement of dependents and household effects to designated place is not authorized.

d. Members who are issued PCS orders from a ship, unit, or afloat staff listed in enclosure (1) are entitled to:

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(1) transportation of dependents and household effects from the place dependents are located on date of receipt of orders to the permanent station; or

(2) from a designated place to the permanent station, whichever is less, if it is not a dependent restricted station. This entitlement exists irrespective of the location of the ship or afloat staff at the time of transfer.

6. Designation. Recommendations for designation changes in enclosure (1) will be submitted to DCNO (N130) via appropriate fleet commanders. Full justification for designation changes must accompany recommended changes. Recommendations for designation changes, which require assignment of homeport, should be made only after CNO has approved modification to reference (d). When considering changes to reference (c) to establish eligibility for these entitlements, the overall effect on all entitlements should be considered. CNO will validate the status of the sea duty units annually and recommend changes to enclosure (1) in September to ensure currency and compliance with this instruction.

7. Entitlements Approval. The entitlements portion of this instruction has been reviewed by the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee in accordance with paragraph D1, DOD Directive 5154.13 of 11 February 1980, as case number 5600.

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UNITS DESIGNATED  
AS UNUSUALLY ARDUOUS SEA DUTY

SHIPS BY CLASS

AGF	DDG	MCM
AOE	FFG	MCS
ARS	LCC	MHC
AS	LHA	PC
CG	LHD	SSBN
CV	LPD	SSN
CVN	LSD	FSF
DD	LST	

INDIVIDUAL UNITS

Special Boat Unit (SBU)(UICs 32219, 42221, 44392)  
 Assault Craft Unit (ACU)(UICs 45411, 45472, 55621)  
 Beachmaster Unit (BMU)(UICs 44920, 44921, 44923, 44924,  
 44925, 49388, 53211, 53212)

Ships and Units designated by the Chief of Naval Operations to operate away from homeport in an overseas area for a contemplated period of one year or more are in OPNAVNOTE 4600.

AFLOAT STAFFS

APSLANT	MPSRON 1	DESRON 50
APSPAC	MPSRON 2	PHIBRON 1
CCSG 2	MPSRON 2	PHIBRON 2
CCSG 3	DESRON 1	PHIBRON 3
CCSG 5	DESRON 2	PHIBRON 4
CCSG 6	DESRON 6	PHIBRON 5
CCSG 7	DESRON 7	PHIBRON 6
CCSG 8	DESRON 9	PHIBRON 7
CCSG 9	DESRON 15	PHIBRON 8
CCSG 10	DESRON 21	PHIBRON 11
CCSG 11	DESRON 22	STANAVFORLANT
CCSG 12	DESRON 23	
CCSG 14	DESRON 24	
FIFTHFLT	DESRON 26	
SIXTHFLT	DESRON 28	
SEVENFLT	DESRON 31	